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Office Action Summary

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John Sipos

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/7/05.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS BASED ON PRIOR ART

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. ' 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(c) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under **35 U.S.C. ' 102(b)** as being anticipated by the patent to Clusserath (5,713,403). The patent to Clusserath shows a method of dispensing fluids comprising the steps of directing a plurality of different fluid substances into a tank (17) affording respective different compartments (17,18) isolated one from another and equipped each with at least one filler valve (14); replenishing the compartments of the tank at least in part; dispensing a quantity of the fluid substance from a selected compartment of the tank into a selected container by way of the at least one filler valve and applying labels to the containers at stations 26,27 according to the particular fluid substance in each container.

Claim 1 is rejected under **35 U.S.C. ' 102(b)** as being anticipated by the patent to Robert (2,638,259). The patent to Robeert shows a method of dispensing fluids comprising the steps of directing a plurality of different fluid substances into a tank (17) affording respective different compartments (25a,25b,25c,25d) isolated one from another and equipped each with at least one filler valve (33a,33b,33c,33d); replenishing the compartments of the tank at least in part; and

dispensing a quantity of the fluid substance from a selected compartment of the tank into a selected container by way of the at least one filler valve.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. ' 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 3 is rejected under **35 U.S.C. ' 103(a)** as being unpatentable over the patent to Clusserath (5,713,403). The patent to Clusserath discloses that after filling operation the containers are packed in packer 29 according to the particular fluid substance in each container. It does not disclose the use of different closures on the containers. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use different closures on the containers according to the particular fluid substance in each container so that the containers can be distinguished one from the other dependent on the fluid in the container.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under **35 U.S.C. ' 103(a)** as being unpatentable over the patent to Robert (2,638,259). Since the use of labels on containers that reflect the specific fluid within the container, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use different labels and closures on the containers according to the particular fluid substance in each container so that the containers can be distinguished one from the other dependent on the fluid in the container.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES CITED

The following prior art is made of record but has not been relied upon in the rejection of claims. However, the prior art is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

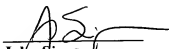
The patent to Kronsender shows the labeling of containers having different products with different labels.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to **Examiner John Sipos** at telephone number **571-272-4468**. The examiner can normally be reached from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at **571-272-4467**.

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